A Celebration Of

Dignity And Distinction

For The Life Of

Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins

Sunrise: September 16, 1920 Sunset: February 10, 1997

Service

Tuesday, February 18, 1997 Eleven O'clock in The Morning

Greater Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ 1222 Market Street Oakland, California

> Bishop LaFar B. Johnson Jurisdictional Prelate Officiant

Obituary Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins

Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins was born in Jonesboro, Louisiana on September 16, 1920 to the union of DeWitt Hamilton and Ada Stringer. She attended and graduated from the Jonesboro public schools.

On May 9, 1939, Miss Zelma Mae Hamilton was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Joseph Carlton Jenkins. In November of 1942, the couple moved to Richmond, California where she worked for many years for Heckathorn Chemicals. In 1955 they moved to San Francisco where they resided until 1988. They then moved across the bay to Vallejo, California.

There are many words to describe Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins. She was loving, caring, kind, a prayer warrior, encouraging, resourceful, anointed, compassionate, wise, long-suffering, patient... the list is endless. But much can be learned of her character from excerpts of her own testimony in which she speaks of her conversion, her love for God and her dedication to her husband, church and others. She wrote this testimony of her conversion:

"In 1942, Pastor Jenkins embraced holiness. He came home excited and happy about his experience.....how angry I was! I kicked him out of the bedroom and locked the door.

I told Pastor Jenkins I'd rather see him dead than in that "mess." I called him a fanatic; but I could not stop him. For fourteen years I watched his life. He fasted and prayed, went to church seven days a week. He would talk to me, but I would always defend myself by saying, I have as much as you do." But in my heart I knew I didn't.

As I watched my husband, who exemplified the fruit of The Spirit, I began to want to be like him. God saved, filled and made me a new creature (in 1956) three months prior to Pastor Jenkins' appointment as Pastor of St. Beulah Church of God in Christ. I prayed and asked God to give me the same prayer, fasting, and sacrificial life; faithfulness, love for his work and people that he gave my husband. I thank God for answered prayer.

So there I was, three months old in holiness and a Pastor's wife. God knew I would need a real prayer life. I spent many days and nights in prayer. I remember my first fast. God told me to fast. I chose to follow my own will and eat. I sat down to eat a T-bone steak, when The Lord spoke again. This time I said, "Yes Lord." I know what it is to fast for 15 days and nights. How God blessed me and made me a blessing to others.

No sacrifice has been too great or too heavy. I know what it is to sign my entire check over for the church expenses. I know what it is to be the church janitress, with no pay. I've had my ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Being in the church made me a counselor, mother in Israel, friend and a real saint. God has given me the love, courage, strength and faith needed for each task. I have come over here to stay until I die."

Love in my heart for all of you, Lil Mom Jenkins

Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins (named "Little Mama" by the late Supt. V. F. Devers) shared these words at the time of her and Pastor Jenkins' 25th year of pastoring St. Beulah Church of God in Christ. She was a woman of undying faith and dedication to The Lord. Last October they celebrated 40 years of service and "she changed not."

Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins had a love for children and served as a foster mother while in San Francisco. Oh how she prayed for those children in her care. In July 1992, The Lord blessed Pastor and Missionary Jenkins to legally adopt their daughter, Nakia, whom they raised from the age of four months.

On February 10, 1997, The Lord called Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins home to be with Him. She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband of 57 years: Supt. Joseph Carlton Jenkins; daughter: Nakia; sister: Thelma Hines; aunt: Bessie Flournoy; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and Church members.

Order Of Home Going Celebration Service

Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins

Supt. J. Evans, Presiding Assisted by Supervisor V. M. Turner

Moments of Meditation Organist
THE PROCESSIONAL The Adjutants Jurisdictional Bishop Visiting Jurisdictional Bishops Pastors and Elders Jurisdictional Supervisor Women's Executive Board District Missionaries / Missionaries Ministers / Elders Wives Church Family The Family
THE INVOCATION Supt. J. Greathouse OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Supt. J. Williams NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE Missionary Dorothy Perry
THE LOCAL CHURCH
Expressions (Two minutes, please) Song Selection Sister Peggy Smith Poem Special Song Request When I See Jesus' Sister Rolisa Funderburk Special Expressions (A Friend) Sister C. Hopkins Her Favorite Congregational Song "In The Morning, When I Rise"
CAL. NORTHEAST JURISDICTIONRepresentativesPastors.Elder R. SmithSuperintendentsSupt. E. L. "Billy" Jones
TributesJurisdictional Women's DepartmentMissionariesMissionary Ora McDonaldSupt. / Ministers WivesMissionary Inez RandolphDistrict MissionariesMissionary Shirley Rigmaiden
Expressions (Two minutes, please) Family and Friends
Instrumental Selection
SPECIAL EXPRESSIONS - JURISDICTIONAL PRELATES AND SUPERVISORS
Words of Comfort
Selection
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES . Missionary Ernestine Snead

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Pastor Jenkins and Family take this opportunity to thank each of you for every expression and act of kindness shown during our time of loss. We ask for your continued prayers.

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Dinner will be served at the St. Beulah Church of God in Christ 435 Duboce Avenue San Francisco, California

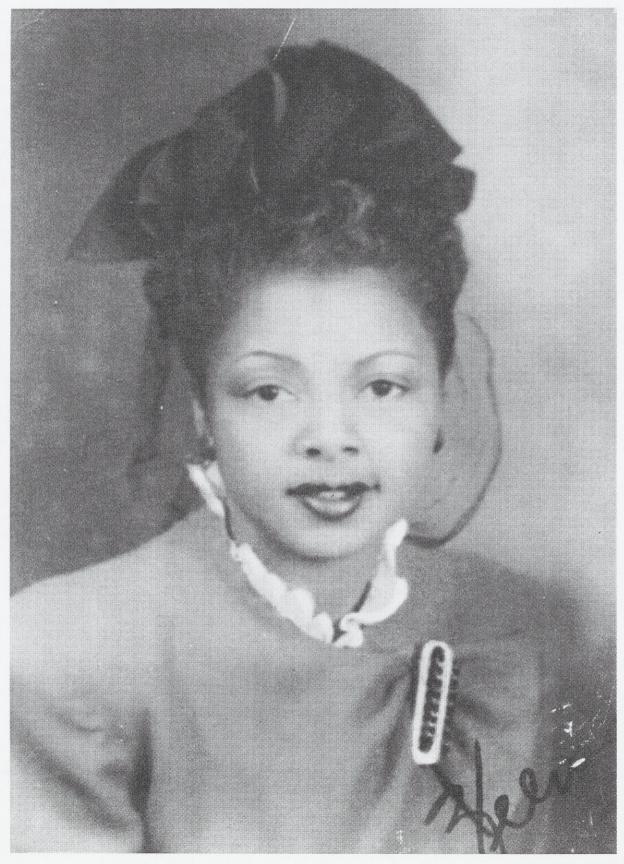
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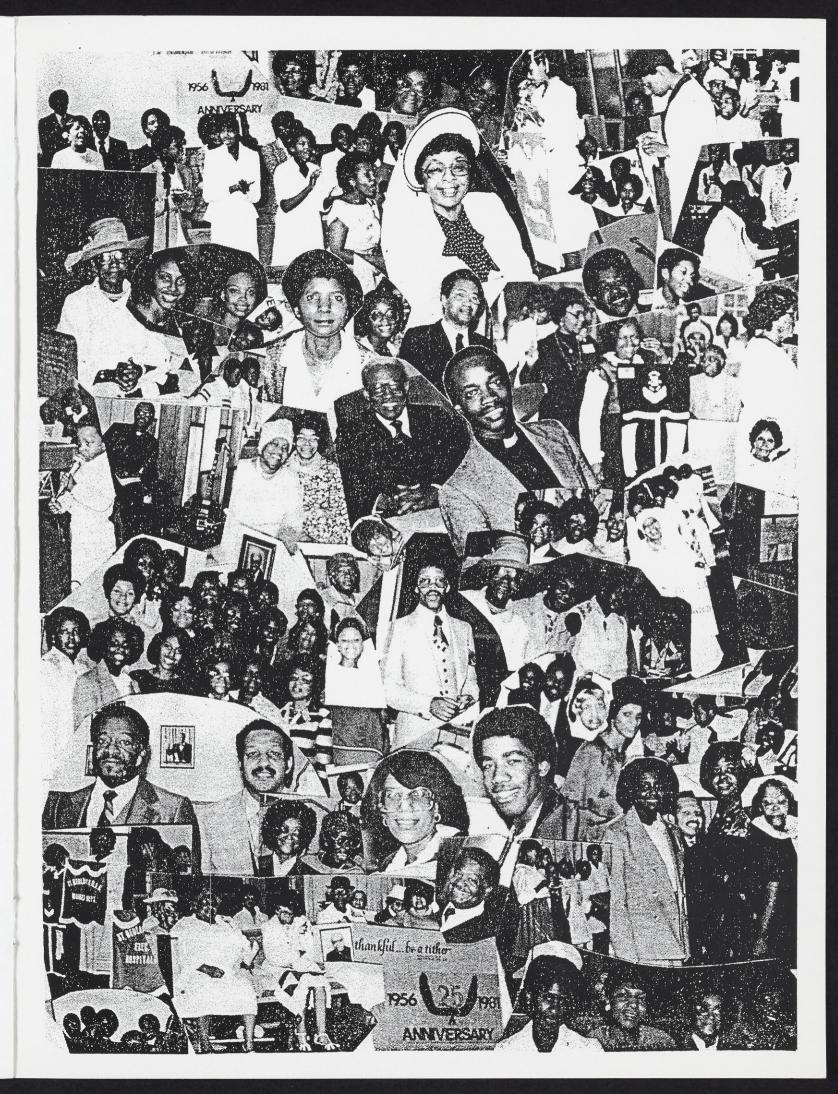


Missionary Zelma Mae Jenkins

 $Her \ favorite \ Bible \ Scripture, \ Psalms \ 27:10$ "When my father and my mother for sake me, then The Lord will take me up."

Precious Memories





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